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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.
 - ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:
 - I ☒ Basis of the opinion
 - II ☐ Priority
 - III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
 - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI ☒ Certain documents cited
 - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, Pages

1-4 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-15 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/3-3/3 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:
- ☐ the drawings, sheets:

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5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	7, 9, 10, 12 - 15
	No: Claims	1 - 6, 8, 11
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1 - 15
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1 - 15
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: DE 597472 (Kuhlmann)
D2: AT 134543 (Schauberger)
D3: DE 2510169 (Ziegler)
D4: EP 1254645 (Tayside University Hospital)

2. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

A helical formation for a conduit (column 1, lines 1 - 5), the helical formation comprising an elongate member defining at least a portion of a helix, the elongate member comprising an inwardly extending portion, the inwardly extending portion extending along the length of the elongate member (figure 1) and extending inwardly from the internal side walls of the conduit for a distance equal to between 10% and 80% of the distance from the longitudinal axis of the conduit to an internal side wall (column 1, lines 30 - 33).

These features are also disclosed in documents D2 and D3.

3. Dependent claims 2 - 15 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty or inventive step, see documents D1 - D4 and the corresponding passages cited in the search report.

Features of claims 2 - 6, 8 and 11 are also disclosed in documents D1 and are therefore not novel.

The features of dependent claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 - 15 have already been employed for the same purpose in a similar conduit, see document D4. It would therefore be obvious to the person skilled in the art, to apply these features with corresponding effect to a

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conduit according to document D1, thereby arriving at a conduit according to claims 7, 9, 10 and 12 - 15. These features are therefore not inventive.

Re Item VI

Certain documents cited

Certain published documents

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US2002/0179166	5.12.2002	5.6.2002	5.6.2001